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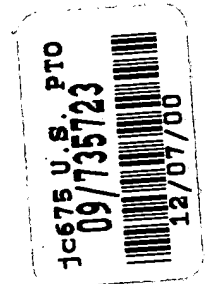
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, applicants submit, on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, a listing of documents which the Patent Office is asked to consider. A copy of each listed document is submitted herewith with an explanation of the relevance for any non-English listed item.

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Reference AA is in English and a statement of relevancy is not supplied.

Reference AL (German Patent 4101843) discloses titanium compound layers with peroxide solvents.

Reference AM (German Patent 4110595) discloses hydrogen peroxide solvents with C(KNaT) hard layers.

Reference AN (German Patent 4339502) discloses cobalt, nickel or titanium halide substrates with hard material layers in use with peroxide solvents.

Reference AO (WO 92/07110) is also in English and, therefore, a statement of relevancy is not supplied.

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing information and listed documents be considered by the Examiner, and formally be made of record in the present application, and that an initialized copy of said Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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